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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

NG ET AL.

Examiner

Raymond Phan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____.

Part III DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

1. This application has been examined. Claims 1-6 are pending.
2. The Group and/or Art Unit location of your application in the PTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Group Art Unit 2111.

Specification

3. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in-

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or

(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

5. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Overtoom et al. (US No. 6,732,218).

In regard to claims 1, 5, Overtoom et al. disclose a bus station 102 for use in a bus communication system (i.e. USB), comprising a first communication port 202 and a second communication port 204, being arranged to operate in a first

mode upon detection of the presence of a host station 600 coupled to said second port and to operate in a second mode upon detection of the absence of a host station coupled to said second port (see figure 6, col. 5, lines 47-59), said bus station 102 being arranged in said first mode (i.e. port B connected) of operation to pass communication between said host station coupled to said second port 204 and a device station coupled to said first port 202 (see figure 6, col. 5, lines 47-59), said bus station further being arranged to operate as an alternate host station (i.e. 102 as host) in said second mode (i.e. port B is not connected) of operation, by communicating with said device station coupled to said first port according to a communication protocol whereby said bus station initiates communications (see figure 6, col. 5, lines 55-59).

In regard to claim 2, Overtoom et al. disclose wherein said bus station is arranged to operate as a USB transceiver (i.e. normal USB hub) in said first mode (i.e. port B connected) of operation (see figure 7, col. 5, lines 47-55) and to operate as a USB host in said second mode of operation (see figure 7, col. 5, lines 55-59).

In regard to claim 3, Overtoom et al. disclose wherein said bus station further comprises transceiver circuitry 200 coupled to said first and second port for passing communication between said host station coupled to said second port and said device station in said first mode of operation (see figure 6, col. 5, lines 23-32).

In regard to claims 4, 6, Overtoom et al. disclose a bus station for use in a bus system comprising a device controller 210 coupled to a communication port, being arranged to operate as a device station, said bus station further being arranged to operate under control of system software, comprising an operating system and host station driver software being arranged to communicate with a host controller and to pass information to and from the operating system, wherein said

system software further comprises host emulation software being arranged to emulate the presence of a host controller towards the host station driver software and the presence of device station driver software towards the device controller, further being arranged to translate communications from the host station driver software to the device controller and vice versa (see col. 3, line 55 through col. 4, line 45).

Conclusion

6. All claims are rejected.
7. The prior arts made of record and not relied upon are considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Novell et al. (US No. 7,000,057) disclose a method and apparatus for adding OTG dual role device capability to a USB peripheral.

Rostocker et al. (US No. 6,978,319) disclose a plug-and-play cable with protocol translation.

Silverman et al. (US No. 6,370,603) disclose a configurable USB controller implemented on a single IC chip with media access control.

Hannah (US No. 5,784,581) discloses an apparatus and method for operating a peripheral device as either a master device or a slave device.

Overtoom (US Pub No. 2005/0182883) discloses an USB OTG intelligent hub/router for debugging USB OTG devices.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Raymond Phan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3630. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6:30AM- 4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart can be reached on (571) 272-3632 or via e-mail addressed to mark.rinehart@uspto.gov. The fax phone number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [raymond.phan@uspto.gov].

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 central telephone number is (571) 272-2100.



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